

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security
5 Grant Coordination and Simplification Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND**
7 **STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**
8 **PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of
10 2002 is amended by inserting after section 801 the fol-
11 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 802. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE**
2 **AND STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY**
3 **GRANT PROGRAMS.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
5 Interagency Committee to Coordinate and Streamline
6 Homeland Security Grant Programs (in this section re-
7 ferred to as the ‘Interagency Committee’) that shall—

8 “(1) ensure coordination among the Federal
9 agencies that provide funding or other assistance to
10 or for—

11 “(A) State and local law enforcement
12 agencies;

13 “(B) fire and rescue operations;

14 “(C) medical and emergency relief services;

15 and

16 “(D) State and local homeland security ef-
17 forts;

18 “(2) eliminate duplication of requirements con-
19 tained in emergency plans requested by Federal
20 agencies;

21 “(3) simplify and coordinate applications for
22 homeland security funding;

23 “(4) identify ways to streamline the process
24 through which Federal agencies support community-
25 based law enforcement, fire and rescue, and medical
26 and emergency relief services;

1 “(5) collect information regarding State and
2 local initiatives to promote interoperability of equip-
3 ment;

4 “(6) develop coordinated plans to provide tech-
5 nical assistance to States to promote interoperable
6 equipment;

7 “(7) provide coordinated assistance to help
8 States and local governments prepare risk and vul-
9 nerability assessments; and

10 “(8) review State plan submissions to ensure
11 that all relevant Federal interests are protected.

12 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Committee
13 shall be composed of—

14 “(1) a representative of the Office for Domestic
15 Preparedness;

16 “(2) a representative of the Health Resources
17 and Services Administration of the Department of
18 Health and Human Services;

19 “(3) a representative of the Centers for Disease
20 Control and Prevention of the Department of Health
21 and Human Services;

22 “(4) a representative of the Directorate of
23 Emergency Preparedness and Response;

24 “(5) a representative of the United States
25 Coast Guard;

1 “(6) a representative of the Department of De-
2 fense;

3 “(7) a representative of the Directorate of Bor-
4 der and Transportation Security;

5 “(8) a representative of the Department of
6 Transportation;

7 “(9) a representative of the Community Ori-
8 ented Policing Services of the Department of Jus-
9 tice;

10 “(10) a representative of the Office of Justice
11 Programs of the Department of Justice;

12 “(11) a representative of the Federal Commu-
13 nications Commission;

14 “(12) a representative of the Environmental
15 Protection Agency; and

16 “(13) a representative of the Office of Public
17 Safety of the Department of Commerce; and

18 “(14) representatives of any other Federal
19 agency identified by the President as having a sig-
20 nificant role relating to the purposes of the Inter-
21 agency Committee.

22 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department shall pro-
23 vide administrative support to the Interagency Committee
24 which shall include—

25 “(1) scheduling meetings;

1 “(2) preparing agenda;

2 “(3) maintaining minutes and records; and

3 “(4) producing reports.

4 “(d) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall designate a
5 chairperson of the Interagency Committee.

6 “(e) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee shall
7 meet—

8 “(1) at the call of the Secretary; or

9 “(2) not less frequently than once every 3
10 months.”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of contents for the Homeland Security Act of
13 2002 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
14 section 801 the following:

“Sec. 802. Interagency Committee To Coordinate and Streamline Homeland
Security Grant Programs.”.